

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended): An airbag, comprising:
- 5 a substantially closed tubular structure having plural nodes formed therein, each node of said plural nodes ~~following~~ having an adjacent node and being formed by jointing together at least a portion of opposing sides of said tubular structure to form a joint, ~~said adjacent node having an adjacent joint, said each joint being oriented at an angle with respect to said adjacent joint~~
- 10 the respective joint of each node being oriented at an angle with respect to the respective joint of its adjacent node, said angle being defined by the relative rotation of the location of each joint about a longitudinal axis of the tubular structure ; and a nozzle carried by said substantially tubular structure.
2. (Original): The airbag as recited in claim 1, wherein said opposing sides are diametrically opposing sides.
3. (Original): The airbag as recited in claim 1, wherein said angle is approximately 90°.
4. (Original): The airbag as recited in claim 1, wherein said tubular structure has a diameter and wherein said portion is a segment not more than about 40% of said diameter in length.
5. (Original): The airbag as recited in claim 1, wherein said nodes are of substantially equal length.
6. (Original): The airbag as recited in claim 1, wherein said each joint is formed by welding said opposing sides.

7. (Original): The airbag as recited in claim 6, wherein said each joint is formed by heat welding.

8. (Original): The airbag as recited in claim 6, wherein said each joint is formed by ultrasonic welding.

9. (Original): The airbag as recited in claim 1, wherein said each joint is formed by adhering said opposing sides.

10. (Original): The airbag as recited in claim 1, wherein said each joint is formed by a method selected from the group consisting of weaving, sewing, welding, adhering and combinations thereof.

11. (Currently Amended): An airbag, comprising:
a side curtain having a bottom edge and passages formed therein;
a tubular structure carried by said bottom edge of said side curtain and
5 having plural nodes formed therein, each node of said plural nodes ~~following~~
having an adjacent node and being formed by jointing together a portion of
opposing sides of said tubular structure to form a joint, ~~said adjacent node~~
~~having an adjacent joint, said each joint being oriented at an angle with~~
~~respect to said adjacent joint~~ the respective joint of each node being oriented
10 at an angle with respect to the respective joint of its adjacent node, said angle
being defined by the relative rotation of the location of each joint about a
longitudinal axis of the tubular structure; and
nozzle means for receiving gas in said passages of said side curtain
and in said tubular structure.

12. (Original): The airbag as recited in claim 11, wherein said tubular structure and said side curtain are in fluid communication with each other.

13. (Original): The airbag as recited in claim 11, wherein said nozzle means further comprises a first nozzle carried by said side curtain and a second nozzle carried by said tubular structure.

14. (Original): The airbag as recited in claim 11, wherein said angle is approximately 90°.

15. (Original): The airbag as recited in claim 11, wherein said tubular structure has a diameter and wherein said portion is a segment not more than about 40% of said diameter in length.

16. (Currently Amended): The airbag as recited in ~~claim 1~~ claim 11, wherein said each joint is formed by a method selected from the group consisting of weaving, welding, sewing, adhering and combinations thereof.

Claims 17-20 (Cancelled)